

**Point of Order:— *re:* adjournment of  
Supplementary Grants.**

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Sir, on a point of order. I request the President that this business may be adjourned for Friday, the last day of the Council, on the ground that the notice for these grants was received rather late. Supplementary grant in itself is half waste and it is something undesirable to give it at such shorter notice.

**President.**—I cannot allow it to be adjourned for Friday because many of the Members would not be present on the last day. So I may adjourn it for Thursday.

**Village Panchayat Regulation Amendment Bill.**

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—Sir, I rise to move that the Village Panchayat Regulation Amendment Bill be taken into consideration.

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—I second it.

*Motion put and carried.*

*The following sections were then put and carried.*

Whereas it is expedient to amend the Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation, V of 1089, as amended by Regulations I of 1093, XI of 1093 and III of 1097, it is hereby enacted as

Preamble.

follows.—

1. This Regulation may be called the Cochin Village Panchayat (amendment) Regulation...  
Short title and commencement. 110, and it shall come in for force at once.

2. Unless otherwise expressly stated the words "Section" and "Sub-section" in this Regulation shall mean Section and Sub-section respectively of the Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation, V of 1089, as amended by Regulations I of 1093, XI of 1093 and III of 1097.  
Interpretation clause.

3. (1) At the end of Sub-section (3) of Section 4 the words "or villages" shall be inserted.  
Amendment of Sub-section (3) of Section 4.

(2) At the end of Sub-section (1) of Section 4 the following shall be added.—

"Or where it is situated within the jurisdiction of more than one District Munsiff or District Judge, to the District Munsiff or the District Judge within the local limits of whose jurisdiction, the cause of action on which the suit is based has arisen".  
Amendment of Sub-section (1) of Section 4.

4. In Section 18 after the words "Village Panchayat" "or groups of such Village Panchayats" and after the words "limits of the Village" the words "or Villages" shall be inserted.

Amendment of  
Section 18.

5. For Section 19, the following shall be substituted.—  
"A Village Panchayat Court established under this Regulation shall, if it is formed by the members of a single Village Panchayat, consist of as many Judges, as there are members in the Panchayat one of whom shall be styled the President and shall, where formed by groups of Village Panchayats, consist of not less than 7 and not more than 11 Judges, one of whom shall be styled the President. Every suit instituted and every proceeding before a Village Panchayat Court shall be disposed of by a Bench of at least 3 Judges. In case of difference, the opinion of the majority shall prevail. When the Judges are equally divided, the opinion of the President or in his absence, of the Senior Judge shall prevail.

Substitution of new  
Section for Section  
19.

For the purposes of the Regulation, the Diwan may nominate one of the Judges, other than the President, as the Senior Judge.

The Judges of the Group Panchayat Court shall be elected by the Members of the Village Panchayats concerned.

The Diwan shall have power to frame rules to regulate the number of Judges and the manner and conduct of elections of the Judges of the Group Panchayat Courts".

6. To Section 22 the following proviso shall be added at the end.—

Amendment of  
Section 22.

"Provided that in the case of a Village Panchayat Court formed by groups, the local jurisdiction of such Court shall extend to the local limits of all the Village Panchayats forming such Village Panchayat Court."

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—Sir, I rise to move that the Bill may be taken up and passed to-morrow.

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—I second it.

*Motion put and carried*

**Resolutions:—(1) Contracts in the Depressed Classes Department.**

**Mr. M. K. Raman.**—Sir, I beg to move the following resolution. "This Council recommends to the Government to issue strict orders to the Protector of the Depressed Classes not to give any con-